

Department of Commerce Growth Management Services Planner's Update

A monthly newsletter to share helpful information related to planning in Washington State

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Welcome to the Planner's Update, an electronic newsletter from the Department of Commerce, Growth Management Services. We send this newsletter monthly to share helpful information related to planning in Washington State.

Please feel free to send us any comments or ideas for how to make this newsletter more useful. You can also use the link below to provide additional names of planners who might like to subscribe.

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1. APA Inland Empire Section Annual Conference, June 7-8

SAVE THE DATE for the APA – Inland Empire Section's Annual Conference to be held on Thursday, June 7 and Friday, June 8, 2012 at [Elkin's Resort](#) in Priest Lake, Idaho. This year promises to have another excellent program with nationally acclaimed speakers and real "take home" skills for each participant.

Registration is limited due to the size of the facility. If you would like to reserve a spot now, please send a quick e-mail response to swinchell@comcast.net. The complete agenda and registration material will be sent to each of you next month.

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2. 2011 Washington State Data Book Now Available

The Washington State Office of Financial Management has announced that the 2011 Washington State Data Book is now available at:
<http://www.ofm.wa.gov/databook/default.asp>.

The Washington State Data Book presents, in one reference document, a diversity of information on Washington, its people, economy, and government. The information is obtained from state and federal agencies as well as private business.

The Data Book contains eleven major sections: Population, Economy, State Government Finance, Human Services, Criminal Justice, Education, Natural Resources, Environment, Energy, Transportation, and Local Government. These sections represent the types of information most frequently requested by a broad range of users.

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3. Safe Routes To School Call for Projects Released

The Washington State Department of Transportation has issued a “call for projects” for the Safe Routes to School program. The goals of the Safe Routes to School grants are to increase the number of children walking and biking to school where it is safe, and if it’s not safe, work to make it safer. The program supports pedestrian and bicycle safety projects such as walking to school buses, sidewalks, bike lanes, pedestrian safety education, bicycle safety skills classes, crossing guards, speed feedback signs and traffic safety cameras. It was created to provide children a safe, healthy alternative to riding the bus or being driven to school.

Eligible Safe Routes projects are those within two-miles of primary and middle schools (grades K-8), and that address engineering solutions, educational and encouragement programs, and law enforcement efforts. Review criteria for the applications are also based on project readiness and need or potential impact.

More detailed information about the grant program and the application process is available on WSDOT’s website at www.wsdot.wa.gov/LocalPrograms/SafeRoutes/CallForProjects. Applications for Safe Routes to School project grants are due to WSDOT on May 4, 2012.

To learn more about the program, a Safe Routes to School Overview Webinar has been scheduled for March 1st from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. To register go to <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/525058344>. For more information, or if you do not have the capacity to participate on a webinar, please contact Charlotte Claybrooke at 360.705.7302.

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4. National Preservation Conference in Spokane, Oct. 30 – Nov. 3

Mark your calendars for this opportunity to meet and learn from historic preservation experts from around the country. Attendees will include fellow planners, architects, , nonprofit executives, government planners, historic site owners and operators, lawyers, developers, builders, skilled trades people, retirees, consultants, graduate students, historians, real estate investors...anyone with an interest in preserving our history to enrich our communities.

Conference organizers are now accepting proposals for education sessions. **To submit your proposal**, go to www.PreservationNation.org/conference and follow the detailed instructions. **Education Session Managers and Speakers Receive Complimentary Conference Registration**

For more information on submitting an education session, please contact the National Trust for Historic Preservation conference staff at 202.588.6100, or e-mail conference@nthp.org

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